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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to search or other examination. Marked-up versions of the amended portions of the application as required by 37 C.F.R. §121 are in Attachment A to this document.

In the Specification

Please replace the specification beginning at page 1, line 7, through page 2, line 3, with the following:

U.S. patent application serial number 10/045,927 by T. B. Berg et al. (BEA920000017US1) entitled "Method And Apparatus For Using Global Snooping To Provide Cache Coherence To Distributed Computer Nodes In A Single Coherent System" was filed on January 9, 2002.

U.S. patent application serial number 10/045,564 by S.G. Lloyd et al. (BEA920000019US1) entitled "Transaction Redirection Mechanism For Handling Late Specification Changes And Design Errors" was filed on January 9, 2002.

U.S. patent application serial number 10/045,797 by T. B. Berg et al. (BEA920000020US1) entitled "Method And Apparatus For Multi-path Data Storage And Retrieval" was filed on January 9, 2002.

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